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**THIS EVENING,**  
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cannot be admitted.  
Hongkong, October 24, 1878.

## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

## NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of  
Mr DAVID ROBERT FENTON  
CRAWFORD in our Shanghai Firm,  
CEASED on 31st March last.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Shanghai, October 10, 1878.

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

FROM This Date, and during the  
Absence of the Undersigned, Mr  
REGINALD DIGBY STARKEY is autho-  
rized to Act as Agent for the Company in  
Hongkong.

J. KENNARD DAVIS,  
Agent.

Hongkong, October 15, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr  
ARTHUR CHART in our Firm  
CEASED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.  
Hongkong, June 13, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having This Day PUR-  
CHASED the STOCK-IN-TRADE, Books,  
Debts, and Goodwill of the CHINA DIS-  
PENSARY hitherto Carried on by Mr W.  
BALL, will conduct and carry on the said  
Business (in connection with the VICTORIA  
DISPENSARY) on his own Account from  
This Date.

WM. CRUIKSHANK.  
Hongkong, August 31, 1878.

## NOTICE.

MR NG MEI KUM otherwise called  
NG HOK MUN is admitted a  
Partner in our Firm from the 2nd  
February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG,  
No. 9 & 11, Bonham Strand West,  
Hongkong, September 30, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of  
the late Mr NG SIN FOO otherwise  
called NG HOK SEE in our Firm CEASED  
from the 2nd February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG,  
No. 9 & 11, Bonham Strand West,  
Hongkong, September 30, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the  
Undersigned in the CHINA MAIL,  
華字日報 (Wah Tsai Yat Po),  
CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but  
Debts prior to that Date will be received  
and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Under-  
signed has LEASED the CHINA MAIL  
from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged  
the services of Mr LIONG YOOK CHUW,  
as Translator and General Manager of the  
newspaper, which under its new régime  
will be found to be, as hitherto, an ex-  
cellent medium for advertising, especially  
as the Manager is able to devote his whole  
attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM,  
Lessee of the Hongkong CHINA MAIL,  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will  
sell by Public Auction, in their  
Sales Rooms, Praya,

## TO-MORROW,

the 25th October, 1878, at Noon.—  
LETTER and NOTE PAPER, Fools-  
cap, Blotting Paper, Envelopes, Account  
Books, Toys, Engravings, Padlocks,  
Knives, Butter Dishes, One Case Tape  
and Dies, Sundry Engineer's Tools,  
&c., &c.

Also,

A Large Quantity of Bed Linen,  
Crockery, Napkins, Electro-plated and  
Glassware, Table Covers, Iron Bedsteads,  
Bedroom and Dining Room Furniture,  
&c., &c.

Hongkong, October 24, 1878.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public  
Auction, at Mr HAJEE ESMAIL's  
Godown,

## TO-MORROW,

the 25th Instant, 1878, at Noon,—  
1 Chest MALWA OPIUM,  
Ex Str. "Guardian."

(More or less damaged by sea water.)  
(On account of the concerned.)

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery  
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17.

H. N. MODY,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, October 24, 1878.

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## FOR SHANGHAI

The Steamship

"NINGPO,"

R. CAES, Master, will be de-  
patched for the above Port TO-  
MORROW, the 25th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, October 24, 1878.

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## NOTICE.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

## PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship  
"AMAZONE,"  
Commandant DIDIÈRE, will be de-  
patched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. DU POURY,  
Agent.

Hongkong, October 24, 1878.

## NOTICE.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

## PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship  
"TANIA,"  
Commandant DE LA MARCELLA,  
will be despatched for YOKO-  
HAMA shortly after the arrival of the next  
French Mail from Europe.

H. DU POUY,  
Agent.

Hongkong, October 24, 1878.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for any  
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew  
of the following Vessels, during their stay  
in Hongkong Harbour:—

BEUNETTE, British barque, Captain W.  
DOW.—Geo. R. STEVENS & Co.

IMPERIALISSE, Austrian ship,  
Capt. Reglitz.—D. MUSS & Co.

INDIA, American ship, Capt. O. PATTEN.  
Order.

DON QUIXOTE, American ship, Captain  
Chas. F. KING.—Messageries Maritimes.

RALPH M. HAYWARD, American 3-m.  
schooner, Capt. L. B. DOANE.—Mayer & Co.

GLAMIS, British bark, Captain Key.—  
RENNELL & CO.

BERTHOUD, German barque, Capt. G.  
B. SCARLETT.—GILMAN & Co.

STRATEMORE, British steamer, Captain  
John ROWELL.—Wm. PUSTAN & Co.

SPINAWAY, Brit. barque, Capt. Pringle.  
SOMERS & Co.

COMMISSION, British ship, Captain A.  
MORISON.—MAYER & Co.

Not Responsible for Debts of Crew:—

HERAT, British ship, Captain Chas.  
ROBERTSON.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

Oct. 24, VENICE, British barque, 668,  
Bartsitt, New York May 14, Korosina,  
ORDER.

Oct. 24, FUYUE, Chinese steamer, from  
Canton.

Oct. 24, HAILOONG, British steamer, 277,  
F. P. C. GOODE, Tamsui Oct. 18, Amoy 22,  
and SWANTON 23.—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Oct. 24, PARROT, British barque, 548  
Remington, Cowmung Oct. 16, Salt.—  
MELCHIOR & Co.

Oct. 24, ALBON'S ISLE, British barque,  
364, William Burges, Quinchen Oct. 12,  
Salt.—REEDS & Co.

Hongkong, October 17, 1878.

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## DEPARTURES.

Oct. 24, EMY, for AMY.  
24, ADALINMORE, for San Francisco.  
24, BRUNELLE, for Manila.  
24, 2nd BELL, for Manila.  
24, LOTTIE MOORE, for NEW YORK.  
24, VENICE, for COAST PORTS.  
24, VENICE, for EUROPE, &c.  
24, JULIANA, for GRANADA.  
24, MARIELES, for MANILA.

## Cleared.

JAPAN, for HAMBURG.  
ANTONIO, for SHANGHAI.  
FUYUE, for SHANGHAI.  
NINGPO, for HOKHOU.  
CONQUEST, for HOKHOU.

## Passenger Arrived.

Per HAILOONG, for AMY, &c., Mr PUSTAN,  
89 CHINESE, and 3 EUROPEANS.  
Per PENRITH, from COWMUNG, 5 CHINESE.

## Departed.

Per VENICE, from HONGKONG: for SOUTH-  
AMERICA, ASST. COMMISARY KARNARVON; for  
BRINDISI, MR FONTANESI.—From SHANGHAI:  
for GALLE, MR A. A. DELMEGE; for  
VENICE, MR E. P. HAGUE, and DR. W. H.  
MORISON; From YOKOHAMA: for SOUTH-  
AMERICA, MR RAYDEN; for MALTA, MR N. B.  
WALTER; for SINGAPORE, CAPT. DUNDAS.

Per YASSO, for AMY, SURGEON A. H.  
MILLER, and MISS COSTA YAUZA; for COAST  
PORTS, 200 CHINESE.

Per MARVELLE, for MANILA, 3 CHINESE, and  
3 EUROPEANS.

## To Depart.

Per ANTONIO, for SHANGHAI, 20 CHINESE.  
Per FUYUE, for SHANGHAI, 120 CHINESE.  
Per NINGPO, for SHANGHAI, 80 CHINESE,  
and 3 EUROPEANS.

Per CONQUEST, for HOKHOU, &c., 100  
CHINESE.

## Shipping Reports.

The British barque VERA, reports:  
Light winds the first part of the passage;  
of the Cape had a strong gale from the  
S.W. Got ashore on Leith Island in the  
Gazap Straits, and after jettisoning a part  
of the cargo got the vessel off. Up the  
Ching Sea light winds.

The British steamer HAIGOONG reports:  
Left Tamsui the 18th inst., and arrived in  
AMY the 20th, having had strong N.E.  
winds and heavy seas. Left AMY and SWATOW  
the 22nd and 23rd inst., and to port had  
moderate winds and fine weather. In AMY:  
Sir TIENTAO and GENEZEG. In SWATOW:  
Sir CHEFOO, FOOCHEW, ALVERSON, NORDEN,  
CASANDRA, YOTHING, ATALANTA, and AZIA.

The British barque PENRITH reports:  
Light variable winds from port to the  
Paracels, then strong N.E. winds to Hong-  
kong.

The British barque ALBYN'S ISLE reports:  
Had strong gales for four days with squalls,  
rain, thunder and lightning, and heavy sea  
from N.E.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAIT PACKET.—  
The Australian Contract Packet BRISBANE,  
will be despatched from HONGKONG, on  
TUESDAY, the 5th November, with  
MAILS for SINGAPORE, SOMERSET,  
COOKTOWN, OCEAN BAY, BOWEN,  
KEPPEL BAY, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, TAS-  
MANIA, NEW ZEALAND, and MELBOURNE.

Correspondence cannot be registered after  
11.15 a.m.

The Mails will be closed at 11.30 a.m.

Supplementary mail on board with late  
mails for 18 cents till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western  
Australia can be sent by this route if  
desired, but as a general rule it is  
better to send it via Galle.

HONGKONG, Oct. 23, 1878.

## THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Established A.D. 1841.

Mr Justice Russell sat in Summary Jurisdiction to-day, but the litigants were Chinese, and the cases were of no interest to our readers.

The British barque *Verona*, from New York with a cargo of Kerosine Oil, reports having been ashore on Leith Island, Gaspar Strait, and a part of the cable had to be jettisoned before she could be floated. The vessel herself sustained little or no damage.

The Band 74th Highlanders will perform the following programme at the Officer's Mess to-morrow night, commencing at 9.15 p.m.:—

Quadrille, *Un Ballo in Maschera*,...Strauss. Overture, ...Zarath, ...Auber. Polporti, *Las Malagueñas*,...Taberner. Vale, ...Les Roses, ...O'Meara. Reminiscences of Donizetti, ...Galop, ...Miner, ...Bergman.

The Band will also perform the following programme on the Cricket Ground to-morrow afternoon, commanding at 4 p.m.:—

March, ...Cannon, ...Gung-L. Overture, ...Le Macon, ...Auber. Selection, ...Grand Duchesse, ...Offenbach. Quadrille, ...Martha, ...Buchanan. Vale, ...Blue Danube, ...Gung-L. Polonaise, ...Faust, ...Gounod. Galop, ...Elanor, ...Hertel.

MR J. BUCHANAN, Bandmaster.

We are given to understand that the British ship *Arabia*, which we reported a few days back as having put into Amoy dismasted, and otherwise damaged, has not fallen into pleasant places. The *Arabia* left this port bound to Callao; and she met her misfortune in the neighbourhood of the Faraccells; she could therefore as easily have turned back this way, as she made Amoy, and her owners and underwriters would have benefited by the alteration in the programme. At least, if our information is correct, the modest sum of \$58,000 is asked by the Amoy folks to complete the necessary repairs to the unfortunate vessel, and, without assuming to know too much of the art of sawing or chipping wood, or the price of copper or tar, we fancy some of the enterprising folks here would have been found willing enough to accept a modicum of that sum for the work, while Hongkong workmanship is not generally considered the worst in the world. We would suggest a tow down as likely to lesson the evil.

A RAMBLE around the western part of the western district of the Colony did not impress us so favorably with our public works department, as did a stroll in the opposite direction a few days ago. Starting from the Cross Roads, we noted the demolition of the premises lately occupied by Messrs Blackhead & Co., opposite the No. 5 Police Station, which is to be replaced by Chinese houses, and we only cite it as another sign of the rapid decrease in the value of foreign house property as against Chinese.

The Praya has been patched up where the late gale made inroads, but in a very temporary manner. The roads in the neighbourhood of the West Point Foundry are still in nearly the same state as they were left after the heavy rains of four or five months ago; the road alongside and to the eastward of the Foundry being open, and in a very dangerous condition, along its entire length. We were glad to note that the Wharves at West Point between the Sailors' Home and the Gas-works, to the dilapidated and dangerous condition of which we drew attention some time ago, are being put in a state of repair, and will soon be presentable. The bridge across the Patent Slip, which the Patent Slip and Dock Company have been ordered to construct, owing to the continuation of the road to the new Cattle Shed at Lap-sap-wan, is rapidly approaching completion. So much for what is being done, but now as to what is not being done; the hovels, and their name is legion, in the rear of the Gas-works especially, are greatly in want of sanitary reform; they are nearly all of the squatters' hut type, and quite unfit for human habitation. It is a great pity they were not all swept away, when so many were destroyed during the time the forts were in course of construction. The roads and nullahs, are unworthy the name; they were much cut up during the rains of this year, and gas and water pipes have been laid bare in all directions, without the slightest apparent attempt at repair. Stagnant pools of water and heaps of filth are to be found in all directions in the neighbourhood, and the approaches to Belcher's Bay, and pigs and children are allowed to run wallowing in a luxury of filth.

Station Street, and the immediate neighbourhood above Po Lok Theatre, is a disgrace to the Colony; few Europeans even, unless it may perhaps be a stray policeman, probably visit this nefarious neighbourhood, which is above the main thoroughfare, but what we saw to-day would lead one to imagine that the roads here never receive the smallest attention. The inhabitants, are probably the lowest scum of the Colony, but they are nevertheless human, and pay taxes in some shape or form, and these pest-houses are allowed to

stand in our midst, hot beds of disease. The lowest alms in London are a paradise to them. The contrast when once one emerges into the Caine Road is so marked, that it appears positively unfair to lavish so much expense on ourselves whilst we leave these, the Chinese, to wallow in filth and misery. It is useless to say that they are naturally filthy; the sin is none the less our own; it is our duty to compel them to be outwardly clean whilst living amongst us. A little less outlay on superfluous walls, and new and pretty walks in the centre of the town—if there be no other alternative—would enable some attention to be given to this pest-house of Hongkong.

THERE were very few cases before the sitting magistrate (Mr Creagh) to-day. There was one case of no light or passing, two for assault, the defendant in one case being a European seaman, named Richard Dogherty, who was charged with assaulting a hawker and stealing some bananas. Dogherty appears to be rather a desperate rascal as he has only been about a week out of gaol, where he had been confined for two months for stabbing the chief officer of the vessel he belonged to. On the present occasion, it appears, that he stole a few bananas from a hawker's stall, and when the man remonstrated with him, he struck him in the mouth. A number of hawkers took part in endeavouring to arrest Dogherty, who thereupon, doubtless thinking discretion the better part of valour, made off as fast as possible, and so determined was he to escape pursuit that he jumped over a retaining wall 16 feet high, and was then arrested by Sergeant Hennessy. Mr Creagh sent him to 3 weeks' hard labour for the larceny, and fined him \$10 or one month's hard labour for the assault.

Two seamen, named James Pritchard and William Mortimer, were charged with being stragglers from the American ship, *George Skofield*. The defendants complained of ill-treatment on board the ship. Mortimer, who acted as spokesman, and gave evidence of his being what is generally known as a sea lawyer, said: Well, Sir, we have been knocked about all shapes, it is no use you sending me back to that ship, for I would rather be hung, drawn, and quartered first, I won't go there, so it's no use sending of us. I for one won't go, our lives are not safe on board of her. They have threatened to throw us overboard, if we came on board again, and they will do it too. I will make away with myself or somebody else if I am sent on board. I am a British subject, and I claim the protection of the British flag.

His Worship remarked that they could only claim the protection of the flag under which they sailed.

Mortimer replied: What's the use? the Captain has been to the Consul and poisoned his mind, we've been kicked and cuffed, and knocked about in all shapes, we can't get any redress there, and looky here, Sir, if we are sent on board, I'll jump overboard. We have been kept in irons in this harbour by the Captain for 36 hours, and I want to know if that is harbour law, if that is Maritime law.

Defendant continued to talk in this strain, and added: Well, I only wish Plimoll was here.

Pritchard, the other defendant, said: We are not seamen, we are firemen. We shipped whilst drunk.

Mortimer added: Yes, and the Captain is constantly reminding us that we are no seamen. If we are no use, why does he want to keep us. I know why, we have got nothing coming to us. If we had \$200 or \$300 coming to us, we could run away, and he would help us to do so.

Pritchard: Yes, Your Worship, and I have had all my clothes stolen by the men, and I have got nothing now but what I stand upright in.

Mortimer: Never mind your clothes, friend, it's not only your clothes, but your heart's blood which has been stolen. I only wish I could see Plimoll's Agent here.

His Worship, after listening to each of this sort of talk, remanded the case until Saturday, and directed the police to take the defendants before the U. S. Consul and give them an opportunity to make their complaints before him.

The following paragraph appears in the Japan *Daily Advertiser* of Oct. 8th:—

"We hear, by the way, that a new weekly paper is projected in Hongkong, for which the services of Mr Balfour, lately connected with the Shanghai press, have been secured. It is reported that the new journal is to be run in the interests of the Governor and the Roman Catholic Bishop, and is to be supported either by direct subsidy, or indirectly by Government printing, etc. It is very right that a Government should have an organ in the press to defend its action—but under present circumstances, we cannot anticipate for the new venture a particularly brilliant commercial success, nor can we congratulate a gentleman of Mr Balfour's standing upon his connection with it."

—This must be nonsense.—ED. C. M.

#### A POETICAL CONTRAST.

THE DOVE AND THE RAVEN.

To the Editor of *The Detroit Free Press*.

Few poems have been more widely read than Poe's "Raven," so popular in its style and gloomy in its thought and conception. For long years it has hung over the human heart with a dark, despondent chilliness, and where sorrow and loss and disappointment had found a lodgment in a weak and sensitive nature, it has made the gloom darker, the loss heavier and the disappointment still greater. Echoing through the sad portals of bereaved and lonely hearts, the refrain of "Nevermore" has been the death knell of hopes that might have been turned into renewed life by a more cheerful faith and a brighter and happier visitant from "Aiden." With this view of the matter in his mind, my gifted friend, Rev. J. H. Martin, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, has written a companion poem,

"The Dove," which takes a more cheerful and soul-inspiring view of the "dear departed." Instead of a dark winged messenger of sorrow and gloom, a bird of brighter plumage and sweeter voice comes back from "Aiden" to the silent chamber of the bereaved lover. To all Christian hearts that look beyond mere literary excellence, this tender poem of faith and hope will prove most acceptable. Its author has published a volume of poems and many of his hymns and lyrics are much admired for their purity of thought and graceful measure. "The Dove" is a production that needs no commendation from my poor pen, and I desire only to state that it comes before the public at my earnest solicitation, and after considerable hesitation on the part of the accomplished author. I am sure that it will do your readers good. It can but serve to encourage and strengthen their faith and whisper comforting words to their bereaved and stricken hearts.

Atlanta, Ga. SIDNEY HERBERT.

#### THE DOVE.

A COMPANION TO POE'S RAVEN.

Once upon a summer evening,

As I lay reposing, dreaming,

While the twinkling stars were beaming

And their light was faintly gleaming.

Through the window of my room,

Suddenly beside my pillow,

Like the murmur of a bellow,

Or the sigh of weeping willow,

"Mid the shadow and the gloom,

There was heard a gentle sound,

Floating on the air around,

As an echo from above;

And I, waking, saw a dove

Perched upon the whitened head

Of a statue near my bed,

And it seemed with soft, low cooing

My lone heart to soothe with woos,

Like an angel from the sky,

Or a spirit hovering nigh.

While I lay entranced and dreaming,

Startled by the echo seeming,

To be whispered from above,

In the starlight faintly gleaming,

With its form of beauty beaming,

I beheld the snowy dove:

With a thrill of wonder, gazing

On the visitor, amazed,

I demanded: "Who are you?"

And the gentle bird of whiteness,

With its snowy robe of brightness,

Answered with a coo:

"I am sent," he said, "from Aiden,

By a fair and lovely maiden,

With a message unto thee;

I am come to soothe thy sorrow,

Bid thee from despair to borrow

Hope that thou her face shall see;

For thy cherished one is living,

And her thoughts to thee is giving,

On a bright and distant shore;

And I come, her carrier dove,

With a message from thy love,

Who is thine for evermore."

By this joyful news excited,

Rejoiced, ravished and delighted,

I, the snowy bird addressing,

Asked, with earnest voice inquiring,

What my soul was most desiring,

That her name to me expressing,

Ho would set my heart at rest—

Still the tumult in my breast,

And assure me that my maiden,

In the distant fields of Aiden,

Waited for me on that shore—

Would be mine for evermore.

Then I spoke with greater fervor,

I, the maiden's ardent lover:

"Does my own departed live?"

(To the bird of whiteness listening

While my eager eyes were glistening,

For the answer he should give);

"Tell me, O thou carrier dove,

Of my absent, cherished love;

Whom I knew in days of yore;

Has she passed the shining portal

Of the blessed land immortal.

Going through the golden door?

Does she move in light and splendor,

Do the graces all attend her,

On that fair and distant shore?"

Words and tones and looks revealing

All my depths of inward feeling,

Moved, affected by my pleading,

And my anxious question heeding,

Thru the dove, my soul discerning,

Answer made, these words returning:

"In the distant fields of Aiden,

On a bright, Elysian shore,

Dwells a fair and lovely maiden,

And her name is Elinore;

Mid the flowers about her blooming,

All the balmy air around,

She, arrayed in robes of whiteness,

Walks an angel in her brightness,

With a wreath immortal crowned."

Then the bird, his wings unfolding,

Left me, as I lay beholding,

Filled with transport and delight;

With a soft, sonorous coo,

Nodding, bidding me adieu,

Through the open window flew

Out into the gloomy night,

But the bright enchanting vision

Of the distant fields Elysian,

And my cherised Elinore,

As a fair and lovely maiden,

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